Letter No. 404, dated 5th May 1913, from the Assistant Commissioner, French Rocks Sub-Division, to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District.

I have the honor to submit herewith the very full and interesting report made by the Amildar of Krishnarajpete on the cattle show held at Hemagiri during the Sri Venkataramanaswami jatra this year.

The cattle fair is yearly gaining in importance and the number of cattle brought was fully 50 per cent more than in the previous year. All the best Mysore breeds were represented and the task of selecting the best in such a large number of really excellent and high class cattle was, by no means, easy. Great credit is due to the non-official gentlemen who officiated as Judges for selecting prize winners to the satisfaction of all the interests represented at the show. This result was in great measure due to the fact that the Judges chosen were in a manner representatives of the most important cattle breeding centres and were persons with an inherited expert knowlege of the subject. The Superintendent of the Civil Veterinary Department was on the spot and gave the Judges the benefit of his scientific knowledge and valuable experience.

3. The poney show which was inaugurated this year evoked much interest and competition and has evidently a future before it. It is trusted that it will give an impetus to the improvement of the class of animals maintained by subordinate executive and village officers.

4. A novel and very interesting feature of this year's function was the organisation of popular lectures bearing on all aspects of rural life by specialists in the subjects chosen.

5. The list of subjects and of speakers given by the Amildar in his report shows what a wide range was covered in these lectures; and it is with pleasure that I am able to report that all the lectures and specially those bearing on co-operation, agricultural and industrial development and the employment of machinery, were largely attended with every appearance of interest and appreciation.

6. The condition of the road from Krishnarajpete this year calls special attention to the necessity of having a good metalled approach to this important place of pilgrimage. I would also add that an extension of the musafirkhana at Hemagiri would meet the great and growing demand for accommodation.

7. The photograph of prize winners will be submitted so soon as they are received.

Report from the Amildar of Krishnarajpete on the cattle show held at Hemagiri, to the Sub-Division Officer, French Rocks Sub-Division, French Rocks, dated 16th March 1913.

I beg to submit the following report on the cattle show held at Hemagiri in connection with the car festival of Sri Venkataramanaswami temple on the 13th February 1913, and the three following days.

(2) The report is in accordance with Government Order No. 7007-24—L. F. 189-09-2, dated the 22nd February 1911.

Committee of management.—The following respectable gentlemen from this and the adjoining taluks were selected and formed into a Committee of management. Their duties were to go over the cattle show ground and issue tickets to the owners of cattle which has to be admitted into the show ground.

The show ground was situated close to a beautiful pavilion and was barricaded all round with arecanut poles and bamboos to prevent promiscuous collection of cattle. The selected cattle were led into this area and the Committee of Judges decided by votes as to the cattle which deserved recognition and the order of merit was thereupon decided.

No.	Name of member	Name of taluk
1	Mr. Doddegowda	Krishnarajpete
2	,, Vedanthachar	Do
3	,, Ramanna	Do
4	,, Byrappa	Do
5	,, Kempe Gowda	Yedatore
6	,, Budumi Siddegowda	Mandya
7	,, Kilarada Chowdegowda	Do
8	,, Silnere Marigowda	Krishnarajpete
9	,, K. Boregowda	Do
10	,, Boregowda	Do
11	,, Horadhalli Marigowda	Nagamangala
12	,, Yelemuddanhalli Lingarajiah	Yedatore

II.

But of the 25,000 heads of cattle collected, the Committee selected the following as deserving of examination by the Judges.

Number of cattle exhibited.—

1. Agricultural bullocks	116
2. Breeding bulls	64
3. Calves	55
4. Cows	8
Total ...	243

All the Judges then went round the special enclosure where the selected cattle were gathered and selected the prize winners as approved of by majority.

III.

Number of cattle selected.—The following table shows the name and place of exhibitor, the cattle selected and their breeds, height, etc:—

Taluk	Village	Name of exhibitor	Breed	Size	Age	Prize awarded
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Agricultural bullocks.		Ft. inch		
Krishnarajpete ...	Silanere ...	Annegowda ...	Hallikara ...	4— 2½	6 teeth	One gold medal worth Rs. 20.
Mandya ...	Kilara ...	Siddegowda ...	Do ...	4— 6	6 do	One gold medal worth Rs. 15
Yedatore ...	Saligrama ...	Lumbojee ...	Do ...	4— 6½	6 do	Special prize silver horn ornament (ಬೆಳ್ಳಿ ಹನಸು) worth Rs. 16-11-0.
Krishnarajpete ...	Krishnarajpete ...	Nanjegowda ...	Do ...	4— 4½	4 do	Silver medal worth Rs. 8.
Mandya ...	Kudargundi ...	Chikkaboregowda	Badogalu ...	4— 8	6 do	Silver medal worth Rs. 7.
Krishnarajpete ...	Mavinkere ...	Gosegowda ...	Hallikara ...	4— 8	6 do	German silver horn ornament. ಹನಸು worth Rs. 2
		Breeding bulls.				
French Rocks ...	Harohalli ...	Chikkegowda ...	Gujjamavu ...	4—10	6 do	Gold medal worth Rs. 15.
Nagamangala ...	Karadhalli ...	Marigowda ...	Do ...	4— 8	...	Silver medal worh Rs. 10.
Yedatore ...	Bidarakki ...	Boregowda ...	Hallikara ...	4— 7	6 do	Special silver ring (ತೋಡ) worth Rs. 7-4-0.
Krishnarajpete ...	Silanere ...	Siddegowda ...	Do ...	4— 7½	4 do	Cash Rs. 3.
		Cow.				
Do ...	Do ...	Thimmegowda ...	Do ...	4— 4½	,,	Silver bell worth Rs. 10.
		Calves.				
Yedatore ...	Hanumanhalli ...	Eranna ...	Do ...	4— 2½	2 do	Silver ring (ತೋಡ) Rs. 7-4-0.
Krishnarajpete ...	Manchibidu ...	Settigowda ...	Gujjumavau ...	4— 0	1¾ years	Cash Rs. 7.
Mandya ...	Belathur ...	Chiklingegowda ...	Badagusime ...	4— 1	2 teeth	Cash Rs. 6
Krisharajpete ...	Ballekere ...	Kempattigowda ...	Gujjumavu ...	4— 2	2 do	Cash Rs. 5.
Nagamangala ...	Thittanhoshalli ...	Govindagowda ...	Hallikara ...	3— 9	2 do	Cash Rs. 4.
Yedatore ...	Mavathur ...	Nanjegowda ...	Do ...	3—11	1½ yards	One certificate.
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	...	...	Rs. 143-3-0.

IV.

Classification of cattle according to breeds, size, age, etc.—From the above statement it will be seen that the best agricultural bullocks were from the Hallikara breed as five prizes were carried away by this class of cattle, and the next best was of Badagalu class.

Sannamallige, Doddamallige, Padavalu, Bettadapura and Gujjumavu were also represented and comprised some good pairs though these classes could not secure a prize.

In the next class of breeders, the two first prizes have been won by Gujjumavu, while the other two prizes went to the Hallikara class.

Among calves also, the majority were from Hallikara and the first prize was secured by that class.

A special prize was instituted for cows and it was a Hallikar cow that won the prize :—

V.

The appended statement shows the number of prizes awarded	Number of prizes awarded and details of prizes.			
1	2	3	4	5
(1) Agricultural bullock—	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Government prizes ... 4	A medal worth Rs. 20	A gold medal Rs. 15	Silver medal Rs. 8	Silver medal Rs. 7
Special prize 2	Silver anasus Rs. 16-11-0	Anasus Rs. 2	.....	.....
(2) Breeding bulls—	1st	2nd	3rd	
Government prizes ... 3	Gold medal Rs. 15	Silver medal Rs. 15	Cash Rs. 3 ...	.....
Special prize 1	Silver thoda worth Rs. 7-4-0	.....	.....	.....
(3) Calves—				
Government prizes ... 4	Cash Rs. 7	Cash Rs. 6	Cash Rs. 4 ...	Cash Rs. 4
Special prize 1	One thoda worth Rs. 7-4-0	.....	.....	.....
Certificate 1				
(4) Cows—				
Special prize 1	Silver bell worth Rs. 10	.....	.....	.....

VI.

Place of cattle show.—The camping ground near Hemagiri temple, which is a plateau gradually sloping away towards the river Hemavati, is a picturesque ground and is ideally suited for cattle shows. The river water is the principle temptation and source of convenience as so many heads of cattle require an incalculable quantity of water for washing and drinking. The sacred shrine of Sri Venkataramanaswami and the comparatively early season of the year for cattle shows as by this time only Chunchankatte jatra will have taken place, is gradually bringing the show to greater importance year by year.

These natural advantages coupled with the funds kindly placed at my disposal by the President for sanitary arrangements enabled the sanitation being maintained in a very efficient condition. One imported case of cholera, however, dispersed the numerous crowd in less than six hours, and the trade which would otherwise have been very flourishing, completely ceased. This scarce and the constant rapid evacuation of the jatra, was, however, a matter of congratulation as the influx of people from the distant taluks had brought cholera contacts, and the disease would have spread further and wider, had the jatra lasted longer.

VII.

Total receipts, viz., from fees, private subscriptions and contributions.—The fees levied on cattle were farmed out to a contractor and realised Rs. 1,820, while the manure was sold for Rs. 230 and the shop tax fetched Rs. 225 or a total of Rs. 2,275 as against Rs. 1,075 in the year previous. The amount thus realised is far in excess of that required for prizes and that of sanitary arrangements, and the excess is being credited to Muzrai Funds under Rule 3 of Government Notification No. 7007, dated 22nd February 1911.

The amount sanctioned from District Funds for awarding prizes was Rs. 100, while private subscriptions collected were Rs. 54-11-0.

VIII.

Total expense incurred and how met.—Statement I shows the value of prizes awarded and the names of prize winners. It is gatifying for me to be able to report that the local gentlemen, Taluk and District Board members, contributed their mite ungrudgingly to make up the amount required for special prizes, as without them the large collection of cattle would not have had an adequate recognition of their claim. The annexed table shows the expenditure incurred on account of sanitation :—

	Rs.
Lighting	28 0 0
Watering charges	7 0 0
Conservancy charges	67 0 0
Miscellaneous	25 4 0
Total ...	127 4 0

Out of Rs. 130 sanctioned, Rs. 127-4-0 were expended and the vouchers, etc., have been submitted with a separate report.

IX REMARKS.

Concluding remarks including a comparison of the results of the show with those of the preceding year.—Compared with the previous year, the show was a grander one and more than 50 per cent cattle had collected as compared with the previous year. The feeding arrangements made at the car festival tempts large numbers of even the leisured class to visit this holy spot and to see the fair and the cattle market is steadily gaining prominence and reputation as a first class cattle mart.

A useful departure from the usual rule was made this year in inviting pony owners to exhibit their animals at the show. Being the 1st year there were about a dozen ponies at the show and a special prize worth Rs. 11-8-0 was given to the best country bred pony. The Tank Inspector got this special prize in the form of a bit bridle and reins. It is hoped that this incentive will induce others to come with their ponies in the future years.

There is but one drawback inasmuch as the road from Krishnarajpete to Hemagiri is not suited to this large and heavy traffic and a metalled road for these five miles appears to be a derideratum.

The pandal that had been put up in the centre of the show was mainly intended for delivering lectures to the assembled raiyats, and its usefulness was increased since. It also served as a place of recreation during the spare hours when the raiyats had no business on hand or during the hot hours of the day.

The invited gentlemen Messrs. N. Narasimha Iyengar, Veterinary Inspector, C. Seetharamachar, Assistant Engineer attached to Department of Industries and Commerce, M. Shamiengar of the Melkote Industrial School, Puttaswamiah, Inspector of Co-operative Societies, took great deal of interest in lecturing to the people, while the Sub-Division Officer was at the helm of management and guided the show with his advice and was not behindhand in impressing on the raiyats the necessity of improvement in the various directions which conduce to their welfare such as (1) education, (2) sanitary knowledge, (3) improved methods of agriculture, (4) breeding better and hardier varieties of cattle, (5) conservation of manure and lastly co-operation among themselves.

The annexed table shows the details of lectures delivered and the dates:—

13th morning.—Mr. Shamiengar—Industrial Development.
Mr. Krishna Sastri—The Regeneration of raiyats.
Mr. Byrappa—Agricultural improvement.

14th morning.—Mr. Srinivasa Raghavachar—The sanctity of cows and cow breeding.
Mr. Shamiengar—Improvement of industry.
Mr. Puttaswamiah—Co-operation and its advantages.

14th afternoon.—Mr. Seetharamachar—How to improve sugar cane industry and lift irrigation.
Mr. N. Narasimha Iyengar—Prevention of cattle disease.
Mr. H. Krishnasastri—The moral progress of raiyat classes in recent years.

General Remarks.—Before closing the report, I cannot help mentioning one word about the help rendered by the official and the non-official gentlemen, in order to make the show a success. A number of pandals and booths for the comfort and convenience of the visitors had been put up with the help of these official and non-official gentlemen, and the construction of the lecture pandal was no light task as no funds were available for the purpose. My thanks are therefore due to the taluk officials and the Taluk Board members who helped in the business.

P.S.

The submission of this report was delayed with a view to get the photographs of the show cattle that were awarded prizes. But the photographer who has taken an advance and showed me some negatives has not as yet turned up. I will submit copies of photographs as soon as they are received.